

## WHERE ARE WE ADVOCATING PEACE?

Our offices are the streets...those streets where vulnerable families live, work and play. We are there building relationships with them, working to keep them safe, and to create peace for the community.

We serve by mediating conflicts, teaching non-violence, helping people set and achieve goals, providing jobs and development programs for youth, and supporting victims of violence.



WE TEACH  
ALTERNATIVES  
TO VIOLENCE.



## CONTACT US

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# Safe Corners



STREET  
OUTREACH  
PROGRAM

PROVIDING SUPPORTIVE  
SERVICES TO YOUTH AND  
ADULTS AGES 14-24.

PEACE  
STARTS  
WITH  
YOU

Advocate for Peace!





## WHAT IS PROJECT SAFE CORNERS?

Project Safe Corners is a street outreach program that is designed to reduce violence, create the opportunity for peace, and pave the way for youth in the community to connect to positive relationships and opportunities. Project Safe Corners is a program of the Massachusetts Shannon Collaborative whose purpose is to prevent and intervene in gang and youth violence.

## WHAT ARE PEACE ADVOCATES?

Peace Advocates are the staff who provide the outreach services to youth. Peace Advocates work in the community, on the streets, in the schools, and places in the city where youth gather. Peace Advocates work to build positive relationships with youth, teach youth alternatives to violence, model nonviolence, take steps to prevent retaliatory acts, and assist in mediating conflicts on the street.

## HOW DO PEACE ADVOCATES IDENTIFY THEMSELVES?

A Peace Advocate will wear clothing, t-shirts and jackets, that will identify him or her as a Peace Advocate. The clothing is gold and purple and can be identified by the Safe Corners logo. Peace Advocates also carry identification badges.



LIVING IN PEACE

Non Violence  
**MEANS**  
saying  
**NO**  
TO ALL  
FORMS OF  
VIOLENCE  
injustice  
abuse  
physical  
force



## WHAT TYPES OF SERVICES DO PEACE ADVOCATES PROVIDE?

Peace Advocates can work to connect a youth with services in the community including mental health services, emergency services, health care, job training, educational services, social supports, and mentoring.

Project Safe Corners can also provide training and information on mediating conflict, can provide support and education to parents about gangs and youth violence, and can provide support to victims of violence.



## IS PROJECT SAFE CORNERS PART OF THE BROCKTON POLICE DEPARTMENT?

Project Safe Corners is not a part of the police department or any law enforcement entity. Funding for the project is provided by the Charles E. Shannon, Jr. Community Safety Initiative, through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In Brockton, the funds are distributed through the Shannon Collaborative and it is a city-wide initiative that is coordinated with Brockton's Promise. The Peace Advocates are employed by the Old Colony YMCA in Brockton, MA

